

January 23, 1968

Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg,

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter on January 19, 1968. I would first like to say that the tape recorder will be furnished along with an official tape of the debate. Each participant will receive a copy of the tape.

We seem to have run into a problem which must be solved before we can proceed in organizing the debate any further. In your last paragraph of your letter you said,

"If there are any other questions, please let me know. I will be gone for about two weeks beginning the end of the month. And, if the Shaw trial goes into the period now scheduled for the debate, I might have to be there. I doubt if Mr. Liebelar will go to New Orleans. This possibility of delay might arise, but I think it more likely the defense will be able to arrange longer delays, until after 3/22."

My Principal has demanded some sort of assurance that both participants will definitely show up for the debate. A "might," or "maybe," unfortunately, is not adequate.

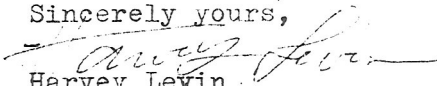
If we are to have a debate, we must have the assurance of both parties that they will arrive.

I am sure you understand our position. We must print tickets, supply booklets at the door, and begin our publicity campaign, and with this, we need assurance. As you have stated, the delay in the trial will extend over the 3/22 debate, and if the trial should begin

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before 3/22, I imagine you could fly in from New Orleans on Friday,
as the trial will be in recess for the weekend. We would appreciate
your cooperation in this very important matter because as I said before,
we cannot have a debate without a firm commitment.

I would appreciate if you would respond to this letter as soon
as possible.

Sincerely yours,


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